

S-E-C-R-E-TDaily Diary, O/RR, 10 Apr 51 (AD/RR information unless otherwise stated)D/A:

Mr. Herbert Blackman, Department of COMMERCE, called to say that the PROPOSAL FOR A GENERAL LICENSE FOR TECHNICAL DATA in publications freely available to the public had STRUCK A SNAG in the Office of the Secretary of Commerce. He was calling State and CIA to inquire if they wished to reaffirm the position which they had previously taken in their respective letters to the Secretary of Commerce. He stated that there seemed to be SOME DIFFERENCES OF OPINION AMONG REPRESENTATIVES OF CIA, but he had assumed that the position taken by the CIA representative in the ACEP and by the DCI in his letter to the Secretary of Commerce was a considered and official view of the Agency. He was told that this was correct. In view of the fact that the SECRETARY OF COMMERCE WOULD PROBABLY COMMUNICATE WITH THE DCI DIRECTLY, he suggested that we advise him (Blackman) reaffirming the Agency's position.

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[] conferred with [] O/SI, and [] O/CD, and it was AGREED THAT [] WOULD BRIEF [] REAFFIRMING THE POSITION previously TAKEN in the LETTER OF THE DCI TO THE SECRETARY OF COMMERCE. It was agreed that the attempt to prohibit the export of technical data which was freely available to the public would be ineffective and would lead to reprisals that would be effective in stopping our exchange arrangements with the Soviet bloc. It was the consensus that the control of official information was a matter of internal security within the jurisdiction of ICIS and the control of unclassified technical data a matter of voluntary censorship. (9 Apr)

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[] explained the work of the STATE-CIA External Research Staff and reported on the current research survey of 100 universities to section chiefs of Support Branch, O/CI. (9 Apr)

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S/AD:

To meet deadline on Task Force One (Tonight), it will be necessary to enforce a levy on all components of O/RR to furnish typing assistance during regular working hours.

D/M:

Members of the Food and Agriculture Branch conferred with representatives of O/NE in reference to INDIA FOOD SITUATION and prepared rough draft statement for use by O/NE. (9 Apr)

D/G:

[] continued their search for material on the O/PC project for European railroads at the Air Targets Division of USAF. (9 Apr)

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